

Supervisor Brewer lists 1999 accomplishments for Northwest Valley



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TAX CUT!!!:

It is especially heartening to have joined my fellow Supervisors in approving the first overall property tax reduction in over ten years. Maricopa County is the fastest growing county in the nation and providing this tax cut while continuing quality service was a truly magnificent accomplishment.

WEST VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:

I am pleased to report that over \$65 million worth of transportation projects are under construction or planned in our 5-year capital program for District 4. This includes funding to extend Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Road, construction of a new Bridge at Deer Valley Road, repairing intersections along 99th Avenue and widening Camelback Road in Litchfield Park.

\$50,000 for SCAT:

The Sun Cities Area Transit (SCAT) offers service to elderly, disabled and indigent residents needing assistance in getting to work, job interviews, medical appointments and shopping. This year District 4 was successful in doubling our County funding to this integral program by a total of \$50,000.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BOSWELL & DEL WEBB HOSPITALS:

By selling nearly \$120 million in special tax-exempt bonds over the past year and a half, Maricopa County helped ensure that Sun Health's Del Webb Hospital and Boswell Hospital will get necessary additional space for medical and surgical care, a Women's Health Center, outpatient services, and resource rooms for health education.

RESTORED ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FUNDING:

Although the federal government has total responsibility for securing our nation's borders, Washington continues to only reimburse local governments about 48 percent of the eligible costs to incarcerate illegal aliens. Shockingly, the Clinton Administration proposed further cutting incarceration funding by \$85 million. I am proud to have helped lead the charge locally to defeat this proposal as Congress last month restored the full \$85 million.

CONNECTION ELECTION:

As I promised, without hesitation, Maricopa County will not provide access to or from Sun City West via a Loop 303/DVD connection as per the results of last October's election. An overwhelming number of residents in Sun City West voted not to provide access. I gave the residents my commitment over 2 years ago that the County would abide by the results of such an election, and I will not waver on this point.

PRESERVING OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATION:

Maricopa County has taken the lead in pursuing a West Valley Recreation

Corridor that envisions turning the Aqua Fria and New River Flood channels into potential parkland and hiking trails. The County has already committed to spend nearly \$2.5 million to integrate these concrete flood channels into more serene and natural riverbeds, and to hopefully transform dirt maintenance roads into hiking and equestrian trails.

SUPPORT FOR OLIVE CENTER:

For the third straight year, we have included funding for the Olive Center as one of the non-profit agencies which the County has chosen to fund. This year's \$20,000 will assist the Olive Center in financing programs including home meal delivery, senior legal assistance, and employment placement programs.

STOPPED WICKENBURG WASTE STATION CLOSURE:

Without the Wickenburg waste transfer station, some unincorporated county residents would have had no choice but to transport their garbage up to 30 miles for disposal. Under a plan authored by Supervisor Brewer, hours of operation for all County run transfer stations were reduced from 3 days to 2 days to ensure that Wickenburg, Morristown, Rainbow Valley and New River stations would all remain open for public use.



Supervisor Jan Brewer serves up support at the Olive Center.